



SABINE RIVER COMPACT ADMINISTRATION

LOUISIANA AND TEXAS

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September 17, 2010

TO: *Mr. Vernon Sauer, Chairman, Sabine River Compact Administration - US
Dr. Doug Brandon, Vice-Chairman, Sabine River Compact Administration-LA
Mr. Gary E. Gagnon, Sabine River Compact Administration-TX
Mr. Jerry Gipson, Sabine River Compact Administration - TX
Mr. Bobby Williams, Sabine River Compact Administration-LA
All Committee Members and Other Participants*

FROM: *Kellie Ferguson, Secretary
Sabine River Compact Administration*

SUBJECT: *SRCA Fall 2010 Meeting*

The 116th meeting of the Sabine River Compact Administration is scheduled for Thursday, October 7, 2010 at 1:30 PM at the Sabine River Authority General Office, 12777 North Hwy. 87 in Orange, Texas. A copy of the agenda for this meeting is attached.

A block of rooms will be available for the night of October 7, 2010 at the Hampton Inn, 2080 Lutchter Drive, Orange, Texas (409) 883-2500. These rooms are reserved under Sabine River Compact Administration. When making your reservation, please identify yourself as being associated with the SRCA to receive the special room rate of \$79.00 plus tax for the night of October 7, 2010. PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN ROOM ARRANGEMENTS BY SEPTEMBER 27TH (after this date reservations will be provided on a space available basis without the special room rate of \$79.00).

A Canoe Trip is scheduled for Friday, October 8, 2010. Please let Jack Tatum know if you plan on attending so that he can be sure there are enough boats. You can reach Jack at 409-746-2192.

Sincerely,

Kellie

AGENDA

**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH MEETING
OF THE
SABINE RIVER COMPACT ADMINISTRATION
SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY GENERAL OFFICE
ORANGE, TEXAS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2010 1:30 PM**

- 1. Call to Order**
 - a. Introduction of Participants**
- 2. Reading of Unapproved Minutes - June 4, 2010**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. June 4, 2010**
- 4. Report of Chairman**
- 5. Report of Secretary**
- 6. Report of Treasurer**
 - a. Presentation of Fiscal Year 09-10 Audit**
- 7. Report of Committees**
 - a. Report of Budget Committee**
 - b. Report of Engineering Committee**
 - 1. Diversion Sub-Committee**
 - 2. Gaging Sub-Committee**
 - 3. Water Quality Sub-Committee**
 - c. Report of Legal Committee**
- 8. Unfinished Business**
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- 9. New Business**
 - a. Location and date of Spring meeting**
- 10. Adjournment**

**MINUTES OF THE 115th MEETING
OF THE
SABINE RIVER COMPACT ADMINISTRATION
HILTON RIVERSIDE HOTEL
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
JUNE 4, 2010**

Mr. Sauer called the meeting to order at the New Orleans Riverside Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana, welcomed everyone to the meeting and called for an introduction of participants. Those in attendance were as follows:

Mr. Vernon Sauer, Chairman, Sabine River Compact Administration – US
Dr. George D. “Doug” Brandon, DVM, Sabine River Compact Administration – LA
Mr. Gary E. Gagnon, Sabine River Compact Administration – TX
Mr. Jerry Gipson, Sabine River Compact Administration – TX
Mr. Bobby Williams, Sabine River Compact Administration – LA
Mr. George Arcement, USGS – LA
Mr. Jerry Clark, Sabine River Authority – TX
Mr. Jeff East, USGS – TX
Mr. Gary Ethridge, DOTD – LA
Ms. Kellie Ferguson, Sabine River Authority – LA
Mr. Max Forbes, DOTD – LA
Mr. Donnie Henson, Sabine River Authority – TX
Mr. Bill Hughes, Sabine River Authority – TX
Mr. Ben McGee, USGS – LA
Mr. Jim Pratt, Sabine River Authority – LA
Mr. Barton Rumsey, Sabine River Authority – LA
Mr. Herman Settermeyer, TCEQ – TX
Mr. Jack W. Tatum, Sabine River Authority – TX
Mr. Michael Turco, USGS – TX

Mr. Sauer dispensed with the reading of the unapproved minutes and went to the next item consideration of the minutes of the October 2, 2009 meeting. A correction was noted. **Mr. Williams moved to approve the minutes of October 2, 2009 as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Gagnon. Motion carried.**

Report of the Chairman – Mr. Sauer stated that he did not have a report.

Report of the Secretary – Ms. Ferguson stated she did not have a report.

Report of the Treasurer – Mr. Gagnon deferred the report to Mr. Henson. Mr. Henson distributed copies of the Treasurer’s report to all participants and stated that the report showed the beginning balance, income and accounts receivable to be \$148,207.38, the projected operating balance was \$33,312.38, the bank balance on June 2, 2010 was \$78,312.38. He stated that the total account payables were estimated to be \$45,000. **Dr. Brandon moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Mr. Gipson. Motion Carried.**

Report of the Budget Committee - Approve Budget for FY 10-11 - Mr. Arcement stated that the budget had been discussed in the Engineering Committee the day before. The program totals \$111,500, with the USGS portion being \$55,750 and the Commissions portion being \$66,950, which includes the internal cost of \$11,200. Mr. Arcement stated that the Engineering Committee recommends the budget be adopted. **Dr. Brandon stated that since a recommendation for approval was made by the Engineering Committee, he would second the recommendation to approve the budget for FY 10-11. Motion Carried.**

Selection of Auditor for FY 09-10 Audit – Dr. Brandon stated that there had been an increase to the audit fee last year and that he would suggest that the Commission continue to employ the services of Mr. Don Kelley, with Broussard, Poche', Lewis, & Breaux for an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00. **Dr. Brandon moved that Broussard, Poche', Lewis, & Breaux be approved as the firm to audit the books and records of the Commission for an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00. Mr. Gagnon seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Report of the Engineering Committee – Mr. Pratt reported that the Engineering Committee had met the day before and there were no new diversions to report. Mr. Pratt stated that there was a recommendation by the Engineering Committee to change the members on several sub-committees. He requested that on the Diversion Sub-Committee, Barton Rumsey replace Neal Thibodeaux. **Mr. Gagnon moved, seconded by Mr. Williams that Barton Rumsey replace Neal Thibodeaux on the Diversion Sub-Committee. Motion carried.**

Mr. Pratt stated that the Gaging Sub-Committee discussed the various station that were important to the Compact and that the Committee had no recommendations of making any adjustments or changes to the stations. He continued that the Gaging Sub-Committee did have a recommendation to add Ben McGee to the current Gaging Sub-Committee. **Dr. Brandon moved, seconded by Mr. Gagnon that Ben McGee be added to the Gaging Sub-Committee.**

Mr. Pratt stated that the Resolution for Streamflow Gages funding was discussed by the Engineering Committee and they would request the Commission approve the Resolution. He further stated that the Resolution would be sent to the United States Senators and Representative in the basin, the Secretary of Interior, the Director of USGS, and the Chair of the Committee for the USGS budget, requesting continued support of the USGS to fund the gages in the basin. **Mr. Gagnon moved to approve the Resolution regarding the funding of Streamflow gages and re-submit to those listed above. Seconded by Mr. Williams. Motion carried.** Mr. Arcement stated that he would personally like to thank the Commission for approving the resolution because he felt that it had helped in the past.

Mr. Pratt stated Jack Tatum and Max Forbes had given the Engineering Committee an in depth report the day before that showed the Basin has overall excellent water quality.

Mr. Williams requested an update on the Texas water sales. Mr. Clark gave a brief overview of the potential water sale activity, noting that currently there were no new developments. He did state there were still discussions of adding a new reservoir but felt that the overall mindset was still against adding new reservoirs. Mr. Pratt discussed potential water sales in Louisiana. He stated Louisiana is currently developing a long term water plan and that he felt nothing major would happen until that plan was in place. He stated the projected completion date for a comprehensive plan for the use of the State's water would probably be 2012. Mr. Hughes stated that the Texas Water Development Board has the full plan for water in the state of Texas on their webpage.

Report of the Legal Committee – Mr. Etheridge stated that the Legal Committee did not have a report but would follow the Legislative Session and report back at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business – SRCA Webpage and Badges. Mr. Gagnon stated that this was a discussion of integrating the various websites through links so that information could be shared. Mr. Settemeyer stated that he would send a copy of the link to the webpage to Kellie and she could distribute the information prior to the next meeting. Mr. Gagnon stated that he had checked on the badges and found that the Texas capital issues some badges but not to SRCA. He stated that he would find out what vendor actually provided the service to the capital and report back to the Commission.

New Business – Location and Date of Fall Meeting – Mr. Gagnon stated that it was suggested to him the fall meeting include a tour of the Sabine River. Mr. Tatum stated that October always had good weather for a canoe trip on the River. **Dr. Brandon moved to suspend the rules and hold the fall meeting in October instead of November at a date and place to be determined later. Seconded by Mr. Gipson. Motion carried.**

There being no further business, **Mr. Gagnon moved, seconded by Dr. Brandon that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.**

KELLIE FERGUSON, SECRETARY

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